

# Senate File 2 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act to allow a physician assistant to examine a resident in a  
2 nursing facility.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1065XS 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135C.3, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. A licensed nursing facility shall provide an organized  
1 4 twenty-four-hour program of services commensurate with the  
1 5 needs of its residents and under the immediate direction of a  
1 6 licensed nurse. Medical and nursing services must be provided  
1 7 under the direction of either a house physician or an  
1 8 individually selected physician. Each resident of a nursing  
1 9 facility shall be visited by or shall visit the resident's  
1 10 physician, or a licensed physician assistant under the  
1 11 supervision of the resident's physician, at least twice a  
1 12 year. Surgery or obstetrical care shall not be provided  
1 13 within the facility. An admission to the nursing facility  
1 14 must be based on a physician's written order certifying that  
1 15 the individual being admitted requires no greater degree of  
1 16 nursing care than the facility to which the admission is made  
1 17 is licensed to provide and is capable of providing.

### EXPLANATION

1 18  
1 19 Currently, rules promulgated by the department of  
1 20 inspections and appeals require that a resident in a nursing  
1 21 facility be visited by the resident's physician twice a year.  
1 22 This bill would allow a licensed physician assistant under the  
1 23 supervision of the resident's physician to provide those  
1 24 visits.  
1 25 A licensed physician assistant practices under the  
1 26 supervision of one or more physicians. However, the term  
1 27 "supervision" does not require the personal presence of the  
1 28 supervising physician at the place where medical services are  
1 29 rendered, except as otherwise required by law.  
1 30 LSB 1065XS 82  
1 31 jr:nh/je/5